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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kenneth S. McElvain)
Application No. 09/313,225)
Filed: May 17, 1999)
For: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR)
DESIGNING INTEGRATED CIRCUITS)

Examiner: Gene N. Auduong
Art Unit: 2818

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests
that the Examiner consider the following remarks.

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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 28, 2001, there was a rejection. All claims were
rejected as being anticipated by Eng (U.S. Patent No. 6,145,117) under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). In
this response, no claims have been amended and thus claims 1-73 remain pending in this
application.

Attached is the declaration of prior invention in the United States to overcome the cited
patent under 37 C.F.R. §1.131. Based on the declaration, Applicant respectfully submits the
present invention was made before the cited reference and the rejections have been overcome.
All claims should be placed in condition of allowance.